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SUBJECT: KYANITE

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1. THE EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI HAS COMMUNICATED TO US THAT
ACCORDING TO EXPORT TRADE CONTROL HAND BOOK 1977-78, HIGH
GRADE KYANITE CONTAINING A1203 OF 60 PERCENT OR ABOVE WAS
NOT ALLOWED TO BE EXPORTED EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1977.
SUBSEQUENTLY ON JUNE 14, 1977 KYANITE CONTAINING A1203 OF
55 PERCENT OR ABOVE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO BE EXPORTED AND THIS
BAN HAS REMAINED IN EFFECT SINCE THAT DATE. LOWER GRADES
OF KYANITE CAN BE EXPORTED, ACCORDING TO EXPORT TRADE CONTROL
HAND BOOK.

2. EXPORT PRICE: FROM PRIVATE SOURCES IN CALCUTTA WE ARE
INFORMED THAT THE CURRENT FOB EXPORT PRICE OF A METRIC TON
OF GRADE II KYANITE (TP TO 54.9 PERCENT ALUMINA OR A1203 IS
US \$75.) PRICE GIVEN PARA 2 OF REF A APPARENTLY CORRESPONDS TO
GRADE I KYANITE WHICH IS NOW UNDER EXPORT BAN,
ACCORDING TO PARA 1 ABOVE AND ALSO ACCORDING TO OUR
SOURCES IN CALCUTTA.

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3. DOMESTIC PRICE:
CURRENT F.O.R. RETAIL LOADING STATION PRICES OF
KYANITE PER METRIC TON, ARE;
(I) HIGH GRADE I, 55 PERCENT TO 60
PERCENT AND ABOVE ALUMINA (A1203)
CONTENT RS 550.00 (US \$61.00)
(II) GRADE II, 50 TO 54.9 ALUMINA

(A1203) CONTENT RS 250.00 (US \$27.00)
(III) GRADE III, 40 TO 49.9 PERCENT
ALUMINA (A1203) RS 125.00 (US \$13.90)

4. OUTLOOK FOR MAINTENANCE OF BAN AND POSSIBLE
FUTHER EXPORT RESTRICTIONS: LOCAL TRADE SOURCES DO
NOT EXPECT THE 1977 BAN ON EXPORTS OF HIGH GRADE
KYANITE TO BE LIFTED, BUT THEY INDICATE THAT FOREIGN
BUYERS ARE SHOWING SOME INTREST IN GRADE II KYANITE
AND PRODUCERS AND TRADERS HERE HOPE FOR AN INCREASE
OF EXPORT OF THAT CATEGORY IN 1978. AT TIME OF BAN,
GOVERNMENT ALSO OBTAINED AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT "WITHIN
A LIMITED CEILING" EXPORTS OF GRADE II AND III OF
KYANITE.

5. SUPPLY/DEMAND SITUATION:
ACCORDING TO LOCAL TRADE SOURCES, SINCE IFY1971-72,
INDIA'S KYANITE PRODUCTION HAS GRADUALLY DECLINED DUE
TO "DEPLETING RESERVES" OF HIGH GRADE ORE. LOCAL
DEALERS AND MINE OWNERS CLAIM THAT THEY HOLD ENOUGH
STOCK OF KYANITE, AND THAT THE LOCAL DEMAND AND SUPPLY
POSITION IS SATISFACTORY. ACCORDING TO THEM, THE
RETAIL PRICES OF GRADES I AND II KYANITE MAY RISE
LATER.
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